

## A new Race of Sunbird from the Southern Belgian Congo.

Captain C. H. B. GRANT and Lieut.-Colonel C. W. MACKWORTH-PRAED sent the following description :—

### *Cyanomitra verticalis bannermani*, subsp. nov.

*Description*.—Differs from *Cyanomitra verticalis böndorffi* (Reichenow) and *Cyanomitra verticalis viridisplendens* (Reichenow) in having the chin and throat duller matt metallic steel blue with greenish reflections. The bill is also shorter.

*Distribution*.—Southern Belgian Congo (Kayoyo, Lualaba River and Lufupa River).

*Type*.—In the British Museum. Male adult. Kayoyo, southern Belgian Congo, September 1, 1933. Collected by Rear-Admiral H. Lynes ; collector's no. 276.

*Measurement of type*.—Wing 71, culmen from base 25, tail 50, tarsus 17 mm.

*Remarks*.—Four adult males examined. No females or young birds examined. The three other males measure : wing 70–72, culmen from base 22–25, as against 26–29 mm. in *C. v. böndorffi* (thirteen adult males) and 25·5–30 mm. in *C. v. viridisplendens* (twenty-six adult males).

Named in honour of Dr. D. A. Bannerman, who has remarked on the labels of these specimens that they probably represent a new race, and desires that we should give it a name.

## A new Race of Green Pigeon from Northern Rhodesia.

Mr. C. M. N. WHITE sent the following description of a new race of Green Pigeon from Northern Rhodesia :—

### *Vinago australis elayi*, subsp. nov.

*Description*.—Nearest to *Vinago australis chobiensis* Roberts of western Northern Rhodesia, but with the back and scapulars dark olive-green, without the greyish wash found in *V. a. chobiensis*. Differs from *V. a. wakefieldii* (Sharpe) of coastal Kenya Colony in its larger size and from *V. a. salvadorii* Dubois in the yellower head and under surface and in the tail colour, which resembles *V. a. chobiensis*, and is not slate as in *V. a. salvadorii*.

*Wing measurements*.—4 males 174–180, 1 female imm. 169 mm., against 145–155 in *V. a. wakefieldii* and 155–175 mm. in *V. a. salvadorii*.